

Stop Sinclair Broadcasting from abusing their large media share to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Sinclair's actions are a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and are a dis-service to the public interest. I am appalled to see a media giant stepping in to so clearly sway the public opinion weeks before the election for its own gain. Moreover, Sinclair's forcing all its stations to broadcast this propaganda presents it as the truth and with little time to refute it on a co-equal basis.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. If not, Orwell's vision will surely become true. Thank you.